

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment to Claim 15 is for purpose of clarification in view of 35 USC §112. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment to claim 15 as presented herein.

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicant has included herewith the relevant portion of Fig. 2 of U.S. Patent No. 3,750,494 (Rice), which should be referenced while reviewing the Amendment dated April 12, 2004, particularly page 8, paragraph 2 of that document.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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